

SUMMARY OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 10, 28-29, 39, 45, 56-57 are withdrawn. Claims 8, 20, 24, 37, 50 are amended. Claims 1-9, 11-27, 30-38, 40-44, 46-55, 58-69 are pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner has identified the following three species:

- I. Referring to Figures 1a-2.
- II. Referring to Figures 3-7
- III. Referring to Figure 8

Applicants elect species I without traverse. Claims 1, 33, 47, and 62 are generic. All pending claims read on this species. Applicants reserve the right pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species during the pendency of the present application.

CONCLUSION

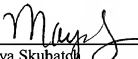
In light of the remarks set forth above, Applicants believe that they are entitled to a letters patent. Applicants respectfully solicit the Examiner to expedite the prosecution of this patent application to issuance. Should the Examiner have any question, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit account No. 23-2415 (Attorney Docket No. 33108-703.201) for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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